



Alpine Radio

96.5 FM 92.9 FM

(Kiewa Valley) (Ovens Valley)

PRESS RELEASE

Alpine Radio 94.5FM off the air in Harrietville

20th April 2021

Effective 13th April 2021, community radio station Alpine Radio's 94.5FM signal is off the air in Harrietville until further notice.

The station's Upper Kiewa Valley 96.5FM and Ovens Valley 92.9FM broadcast services are unaffected by this change.

In 2013, Cavalier Spur was identified as the best transmitter location for Harrietville to receive Alpine Radio's broadcast service. As the location is outside Alpine Radio's Licence Area Plan, Harrietville Television Inc. undertook to hold the re-transmission licence and Alpine Radio provided the equipment for the re-transmission.

This arrangement enables Alpine Radio to broadcast into Harrietville and to provide the community with emergency information.

In recent months, there has been interference between TV Channel 9 and Alpine Radio, possibly caused by a lightning strike. As the Harrietville Television Inc. holds the re-transmission licences for both TV Channel 9 and Alpine Radio, their decision was to reduce the power of Alpine Radio's signal to the point it no longer interfered with TV reception.

Alpine Radio technicians have worked hard to identify the source of the interference problem in cooperation with Harrietville TV technician. Their investigations have found that it is not possible to restore Alpine Radio's broadcast signal without Harrietville losing reception to TV Channel 9.

As a result, Alpine Radio's transmitter has been switched off and is unable to transmit into the broadcast area of Harrietville on 94.5FM.

The station's Committee of Management has taken the necessary steps to ensure that Emergency Management Victoria and other authorities are aware of the change to our broadcasting coverage area.

Alpine Radio is exploring other options to reinstate the service, including the feasibility of relocating to another site. This will require significant work and cost and could take some time.

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Harrietville listeners with internet can listen online to Alpine Radio at www.alpineradio.com.au and are reminded to always access more than one source for emergency information and warnings.

For updates to this information, visit www.alpineradio.com.au

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